(b) whether a massive fraud in the system of accounts was detected;

(c) whether issue will be enquired into by the CBI; and

(d) if. not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, Sir. The minutes of the meeting do not contain any record of such discussion.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**False profit shown by Air India**

7714. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA. Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state: (a) whether Government collaborated with Air India in 1992-93 to show false profits;

(b) whether any representative of Government was present on the Board of Air India in 1992-93; and

(c) whether any actioa has been taken against the representative of the Ministry for inefficient function-ins?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIA-TION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Steep decline in Air India's profits**

7715. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a steep decline in the profits of Air India from 1992-93 to the present financial year-

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to enquire into this decline;

(d) the steps proposed to halt this decline; and

(e) whether Air India has any rea sons for the prompt state of affairs

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVI TION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULA NABI AZAD): (a), (b) and (e) Y Sir. The decline in profitability 1993-94 and 1994-95 as compared 1992-93 is due to:—

(i) impact of depreciation ar interest of the B 747-400 aircra acquired during 1993-94.

(ii) decline in yields by arour 10 per cent and decline in load fa tor from 64.6 per cent in 1992-93 59.6 per cent in 1993-94; and

(iii) impact of cancellation of s veral flights in the wake of plag outbreak.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Air India is taking steps to fa the competition and to improve ;
product, image ad on-time perfor ance to attract more passengers at increase the revenue; the number services will also be increased depen ing upon additional entitlements at traffic demand.

**Formation of Aviation Security For**

7716. SHRI N. THANGARAJ PA DIAN : Will the Mnister of CIV AVIATION AND TOURISM be please to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Aviati Security Force was to be formed per Anti-Hijacking Act, 1994;

(b) if so. what are the details the of; and

(c) by when it will start functic ing?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVI TON AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULA NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c). Anti-Hijas ing Act, 1982 as amended in 1994, dc not envisage setting up of Aviatii